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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
PIERLUIGI ORESTI, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/EP05/01260)
FILED: HERewith :
FOR: A PROCESS FOR THE :
TREATMENT OF FLUIDS :
ORIGINATING FROM SUBMARINE :
OIL FIELDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.